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1. WHEN I SAW FONMIN CALVANI YESTERDAY ON ANOTHER MATTER, I RECALLED PRESS REFERENCE (REF B) TO THE SO-CALLED "CALVANI FORMULA." HE WAS PLEASED AT THIS BUT SAID MORE SERIOUSLY IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A REALLY FRUITFUL DIALOGUE WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IF EVERY FONMIN HAD TO SAY HIS OWN PIECE MANY TIMES OVER. CLEARLY, CALVANI ENVISAGED A MAXIMUM OF NOT MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR ABLE FONMINS WHO IN EFFECT WOULD BE SPOKESMEN FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN CONSORTIUM VIS-A-VIS THE SECRETARY.

2. THIS GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY (REF A) TO SAY THAT, ALTHOUGH I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF WASHINGTON'S VIEWS, CALVANI WAS MY PERSONAL CANDIDATE TO HANDLE THE IMPORTANT ISSUES OF LAW OF THE SEA, THEN WENT ON TO SAY IT SEEMED TO ME THAT A COROLLARY ASSIGNMENT COULD BE THE QUESTION OF PANAMA. CALVANI ROSE TO THIS AT ONCE AND SAID THAT
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WHAT WAS REQUIRED IN THIS CASE WAS A DISPASSIONATE AND

LUCID DELINEATION OF THE ISSUES. HE SAID, "IF WE CAN SET DOWN WHAT THE MATTERS IN CONTENTION ARE, WE WILL BE WELL ON THE ROAD TO A SOLUTION."

3. ACTION RECOMMENDED: IN DEALING IN SUCH ISSUES WITH THE VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WE ARE ALREADY TALKING TO THE CONVERTED. MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT SECRETARY SEND A PERSONAL LETTER TO CALVANI, ASKING HIS ADVICE AS TO MOST EFFICACIOUS MANNER OF ELUCIDATING THE EIGHT POINTS ALREADY OFFICIALLY CONVEYED TO THE SECRETARY BY VASQUEZ CARRIZOSA. SUCH DEFERENCE TO HIS VIEWS WILL MOST CERTAINLY FLATTER CALVANI AND GO FAR TO MAKE HIM AN ALLY IN THE FORTHCOMING MEETING IN MEXICO CITY. I AM SURE I CAN STEER HIM ALONG THE RIGHT TRACK ONCE THE SECRETARY HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE.
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